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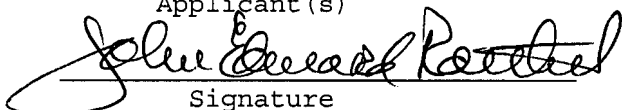
NOTIFICATION OF CLAIM OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.9 (f) and 1.27(b), Applicant hereby notifies the Patent and Trademark Office that this Patent is entitled to Small Entity Status. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status -- Independent Inventor is being filed with this Notification.

When the application that evolved into this patent was filed on January 18, 1994, Small Entity Status was claimed.

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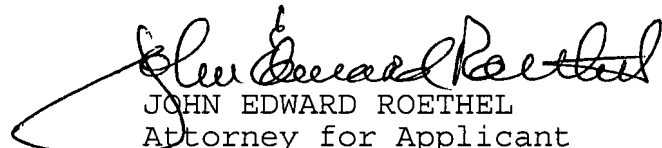
At the time of the payment of the Issue Fee, Applicant notified the Patent and Trademark Office that this application had lost Small Entity Status and the Issue Fee was paid for a Large Entity.

By Assignment recorded on July 18, 1996 at Reel 8040/Frame 0294, this patent was re-assigned to the Inventor, Gary Weingardt.

The year 4 Maintenance Fee was paid on November 29, 1999 at the Small Entity rate and accepted by the Patent and Trademark Office. However, no Claim for Small Entity Status was submitted by the patent owner at the time of the payment of the year 4 Maintenance Fee.

The attached Claim for Small Entity Status is being submitted at this time to clarify the record of this patent.

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